

REMARKS

Claims 10, 11, 15-18, and 20-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 12-14, and 19 are hereby canceled. Claims 10, 11, 15, 17, and 18 have been amended. Claims 20-26 are new. Claim 10 is the sole independent claim. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 10-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

As to independent claim 10, the Examiner asserts that the claimed subject matter lacks a practical application because it results in context information being stored only when a certain condition is satisfied, i.e., only in response to successfully retrieving an application interface having a URI property. According to the Examiner, if this condition is not satisfied, there is no tangible result and thus no practical application.

Without admitting the appropriateness of this rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment of claim 10. Particularly, as amended, claim 10 does not include a condition antecedent to the step of “storing the context information.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection with respect to claim 10 and dependent claim 11.

As to claims 12-14, and 19, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 101 rejection of such claims has been rendered moot by the cancellation of such claims.

As to independent claims 15-18, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 101 rejection of such claims has been rendered moot by the above amendments. Particularly, in view of the above amendments, these claims now depend on claim 10 and, thus, incorporate the statutory subject matter recited in claim 10. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection with respect to claims 15-18.

Prior Art Rejections

§ 102 Rejection: Harui

Claims 12-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,690,394 to Harui (hereafter “Harui”). As to claims 12-14, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 102 rejection of such claims has been rendered moot by the cancellation of such claims. As to claims 15 and 16, Applicants respectfully submit that the § 102 rejection of such claim has been rendered moot by the above amendments. Particularly, claims 15 and 16 have been amended to depend on claim 10 and, thus, now incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 10. Further, Applicants submit that claim 10 patentably distinguishes over Harui, as will be discussed below.

§ 103 Rejection: Harui/Oppermann

Claims 10, 11, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harui in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,334,157 to Oppermann et al. (hereafter “Oppermann”). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

As to claim 19, this rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of such claim.

Applicants respectfully refer the Examiner to MPEP § 2143.03, which sets forth the following requirements for a proper rejection under § 103:

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974).

It is respectfully submitted that Harui and Oppermann, taken separately or in combination, fail to teach or suggest every feature of claim 10. As amended, independent claim 10 now recites, *inter alia*, the following:

b) determining one or more graphical elements associated with the selected on-screen region;

c) capturing image pixels for displaying the one or more graphical elements in an image file”;

and

d) obtaining context information for the one or more graphical elements....

Applicants respectfully submit that Harui and Oppermann, taken separately or in combination, do not teach or suggest the above combination of features. Harui is relied upon as the primary reference in this rejection, but fails to teach or suggest anything with respect to screen capture. Accordingly, Harui does not teach or suggest capturing the image pixels of an on-screen region, as required by claim 10. As such, Harui does not teach or suggest obtaining context information associated with captured image pixels, as claimed.

Furthermore, Oppermann is relied upon merely for teachings related to programmatically providing direct access to user interface elements of an application program, such as retrieving an application interface and storing a property of the interface (see Office Action at page 7). As such, Oppermann fails to remedy the deficiencies of Harui set forth above. Thus, the combination of Harui and Oppermann fail to teach or suggest each and every claimed feature recited in claim 10.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 10 is allowable over Harui and Oppermann. Further, Applicants submit that claim 11 is allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 10. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

§ 103 Rejection: Harui/Carro

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harui in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0117378 to Carro (hereafter “Carro”). Applicants point out that claim 17 has been amended to depend on independent claim 10 and, thus, now incorporates the subject matter recited in claim 10. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Carro fails to remedy the deficiencies of Harui and Oppermann set forth above in connection with claim 10. Particularly, Carro is relied upon only to teach a system for retrieving and displaying handwritten annotations, and associating annotations with a single file (see Office Action at page 8). As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 17 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 10. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

§ 103 Rejection: Harui/Ross

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harui in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,215 to Ross et al. (hereafter “Ross”). Claim 18 has been amended to depend on independent claim 10 and, thus, now incorporates the subject matter recited in claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that Ross fails to remedy the deficiencies of Harui and Oppermann set forth above in connection with claim 10. Particularly, Ross is relied upon for its teachings related to performing joins and self-joins in a database with pointers (see Office Action at page 9). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 10. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Conclusion

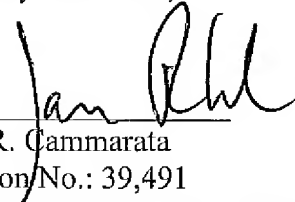
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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